

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[58]] 83, wherein positioning the device includes extending at least a portion of at least one elongate member within a chamber of the heart and anchoring an end of the at least one elongate member to one of a wall surrounding the heart chamber and a papillary muscle in the chamber.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein positioning the device further includes anchoring another end of the elongate member proximate the annulus of the valve.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the at least one elongate member includes a tension member.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the at least one elongate member includes a plurality of elongate members.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[58]] 83, wherein the heart structure includes a wall of a heart chamber.

65. (Canceled)

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66. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[58]]~~ 83, wherein altering the geometry of the heart structure includes altering at least one of a transverse radial dimension and vertical dimension of a heart chamber during at least a portion of the cardiac cycle.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein altering at least one of the transverse radial dimension and vertical dimension includes reducing at least one of the transverse radial dimension and vertical dimension.

68. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[58]]~~ 83, wherein positioning the device includes positioning the device so as to alter a ~~altering the position of~~ at least one papillary muscle associated with the valve ~~includes drawing the papillary muscle toward the valve.~~

69.-82. (Canceled)

83. (New) A method of treating an in situ mitral valve, the method comprising: positioning a passive device with respect to a heart such that, at least during systole, a portion of the device contacts and passively alters a geometry of heart structure other than leaflets, chordae, papillary muscles, and an annulus associated with the in situ mitral valve so as to draw together leaflets of the in situ valve to promote closure of the in situ valve.

84. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein altering the position of the at least one papillary muscle associated with the valve includes drawing the at least one papillary muscle toward the valve.